

# ***PARCH-E- GRAM***

***PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE  
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.***

***MONTHLY MEETING/ NEWSLETTER  
DATE 5/18/2019***

## ***MEETING MINUTES***

***MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1405 BY CMDR FRED WHITE.***

***MEMBERS PRESENT: CMDR FRED WHITE; PAUL WALKER; JIM RATIGAN (TREASURER); JOE ROMANOWSKI (SECRETARY); GLENN BRIDGES; DAVE ANTHONY; TED BERGENE; JOHN MCKINLEY (CHAPLAIN);***

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE***

***OPENING PRAYER: LED BY JIM RATIGAN***

***TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE***

### ***REPORTS:***

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: CMDR WHITE PRESENTED MINUTES FROM 4/20/2018 MEETING. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY JIM RATIGAN, CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$1338.56; TOTAL AVAILABLE \$1338.56. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED***

### ***OLD BUSINESS:***

- CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED UPDATES TO THE BASE WEBSITE INCLUDING A CALENDAR FOR BASE ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL LINKS TO FAVORITES. CMDR WHITE ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO VISIT AND EXPLORE THE PARCHE BASE WEBSITE. THE LINK TO THE DMV FOR MEMBERS TO OBTAIN A SUBVET LICENSE PLATE IS AVAILABLE. ADDITIONALLY, CMDR WHITE RECOMMENDS MEMBERS WHO RENEW THEIR DRIVERS LICENSE REQUEST HAVING THE WORD "VETERAN" ADDED AT NO COST. A COPY OF THEIR DD-214 WILL NEED TO BE PROVIDED FOR THIS ACTIVITY.***
- CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE USSVI KAPS 4 KIDS PROGRAM. PAUL WALKER REPORTED THAT THERE IS MORE INFO AVAILABLE ON THE USSVI WEBSITE FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.***
- CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE 2019 FULTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE TO BE HELD MAY 25TH. MAPS WERE PROVIDED WITH DIRECTIONS. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE AT THE STAGING AREA BY 9:00 AM TO HELP PREPARE THE FLOAT. ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT CMDR WHITE.***
- CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE OSWEGO 4TH OF JULY PARADE, TO BE HELD ON JULY 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE NEXT MEETING.***

- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE MEXICO PARADE AND PAUL WALKER TO FOLLOW UP WITH PARADE ORGANIZERS.***
- ***TREASURER JIM RATIGAN REPORTED THAT THE CHANGE OF THE BASE BANK ACCOUNTS IS COMPLETED PENDING BANK AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES BY BASE OFFICERS.***
- ***GLENN BRIDGES REPORTED THAT THE TREASURERS AUDIT IS COMPLETED AND ALL USSVI REQUIREMENTS WERE MET. GLEN RECOMMENDED A FEW SUGGESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE REVIEWED BEFORE THE NEXT AUDIT IS REQUIRED.***
- ***JIM NOTED THAT THE PARADE FLOAT TRAILER REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED BUT THE REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO THE BASE AND HE WILL COMPLETE THE TRANSFER. JOE ROMANOWSKI ADDED THAT HE WILL PLACE THE NEW PLATE STICKER ON THE TRAILER PRIOR TO THE PARADE.***
- ***JIM ALSO REPORTED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE BOAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE "CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTIE" SUBMARINE, HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED YET BECAUSE OF CONFUSION OVER APPROVAL FOR THE EXPENDITURE. HE WILL INITIATE THE SPONSORSHIP.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISTRIBUTED VOTING BALLOT FORMS FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER ELECTION. CMDR WHITE REQUESTED THAT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE VOTE ELECTRONICALLY BY INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY E-MAILED (5/14/19) TO MEMBERS.***

***NEW BUSINESS:***

- ***CMDR WHITE DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING RECOGNITION AWARDS:***
  - ***USSVI NORTHEAST DISTRICT PATCH TO GLENN BRIDGES FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE TREASURERS AUDIT.***
  - ***USSVI NORTHEAST DISTRICT PATCH TO JOE ROMANOWSKI FOR CARE AND STORAGE OF THE PARADE FLOAT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.***
  - ***HOLLAND 50 YEAR PIN; DAVE ANTHONY; JOHN MCKINLEY; JOE ROMANOWSKI; PAUL WALKER***
  - ***USSVI MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION; TED BERGENE 5 YEAR; JOHN MCKINLEY 15 YEAR; JAMES RATIGAN 10 YEAR; JOE ROMANOWSKI 5 YEAR***
- ***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 15, 2019 AT THE HOME OF JOE ROMANOWSKI, DUE TO THE VFW HOSTING THE VIETNAM VETERANS ANNUAL MEETING. INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE MEETING NOTIFICATION.***

***GOOD OF THE ORDER:***

- ***MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR THEIR SUBVETS ITEMS (HATS, ETC.)***
- ***USE THE BUSINESS CARDS WITH BASE INFO TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.***
- ***PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF PROMOTING OUR BASE.***

***CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY JOHN MCKINLEY IN RECOGNITION OF ALL***

***VETERANS AS PART OF ARMED FORCES DAY.***

***MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1500.***